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LET'S BE HONEST HERE. YOU'RE AWARE OF IT, AREN'T YOU?

THAT NINOMIYA-KUN LIKES YOU, AKIRA-CHAN.

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...HUH ...?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ...?

...ARE YOU FEIGNING IGNORANCE?

OR ARE YOU JUST THAT THICK-HEADED?

EVEN THOUGH NINOMIYA-KUN IS PRACTICALLY AN OPEN BOOK.

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SORRY. I CAN'T CATCH WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

DO YOU PERHAPS HAVE THE WRONG IDEA ABOUT THE TWO OF US?

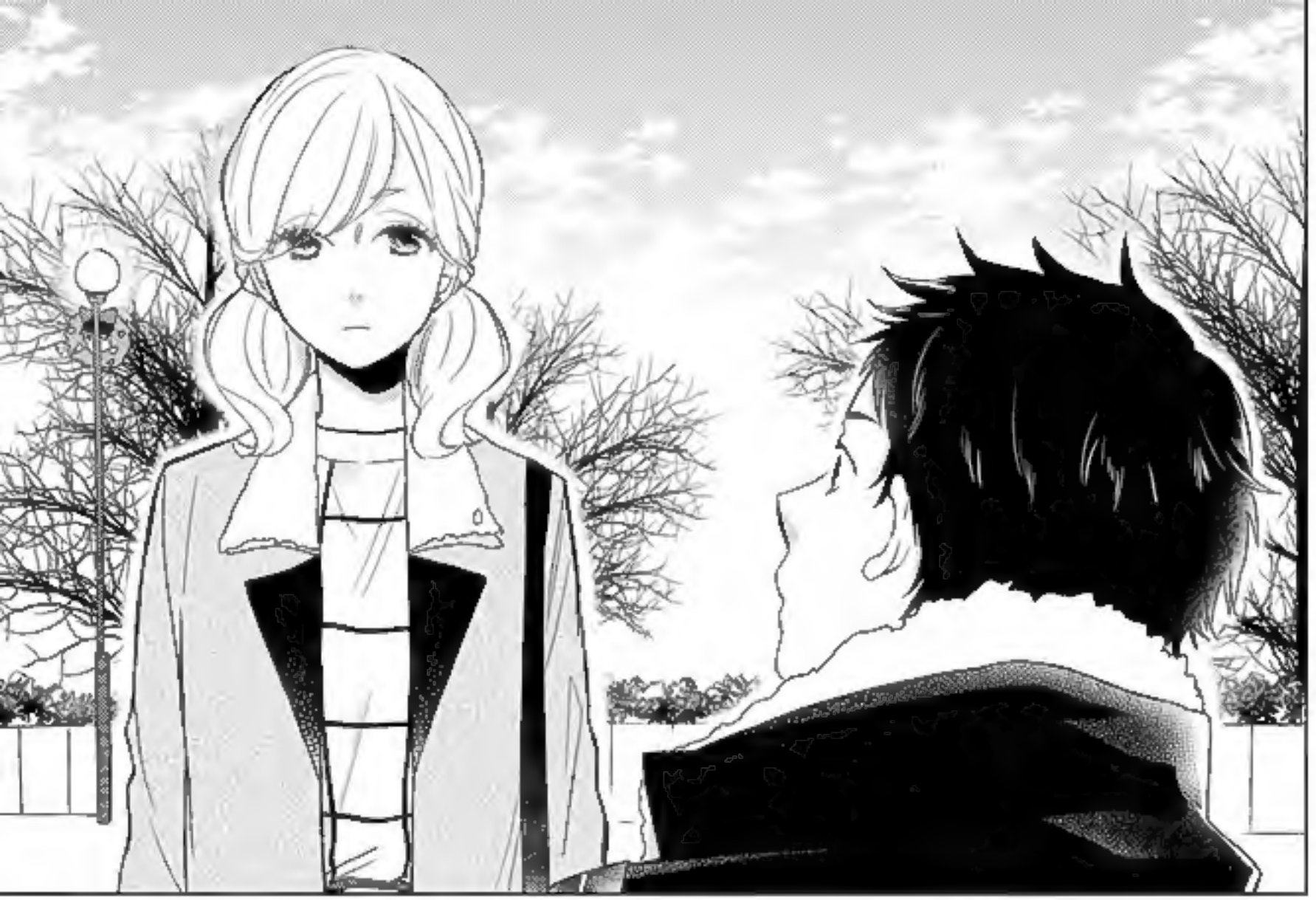
WE'RE NOTHING ELSE BUT CHILDHOOD FRIEND.

WE DO GET ALONG WELL, BUT IT ONLY FEELS LIKE WE'RE SIBLINGS.

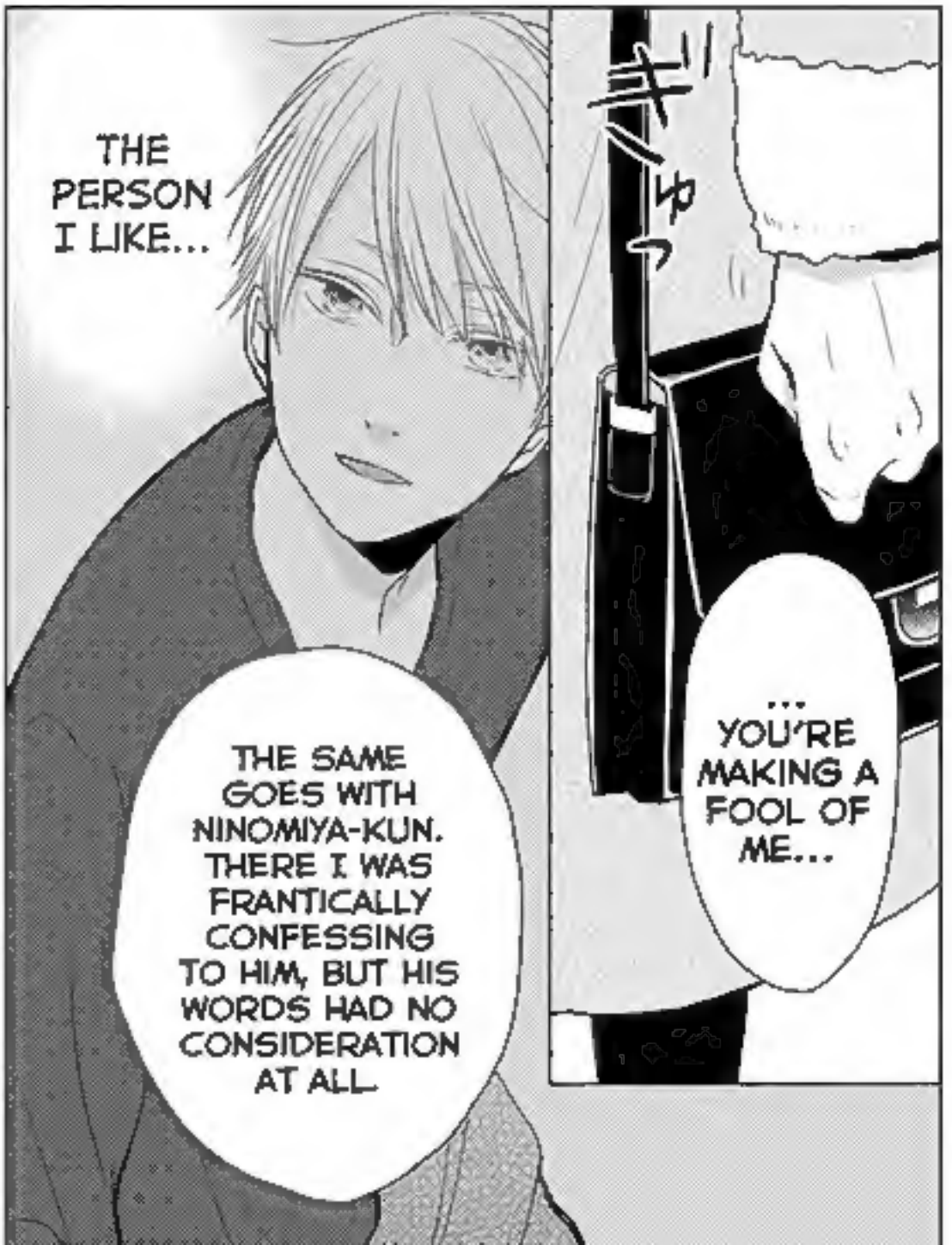
AND HE GAVE THESE SHOES

BECAUSE IT'S ALWAYS BEEN NORMAL FOR US TO EXCHANGE GIFTS...

HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE THAT IT'S ONLY A 'WRONG IDEA'?



YOU TOO, AKIRA-CHAN. YOU'D JUST GO AND SAY "WE'RE NOTHING ELSE BUT CHILDHOOD FRIENDS" LIKE IT'S ONLY NATURAL.


THE PERSON I LIKE...
THE SAME GOES WITH NINOMIYA-KUN. THERE I WAS FRANTICALLY CONFESSING TO HIM, BUT HIS WORDS HAD NO CONSIDERATION AT ALL
...YOU'RE MAKING A FOOL OF ME...

I WON'T DO SOMETHING LIKE HELPING YOU, YOU KNOW?

BUT IF THERE REALLY WAS SOMETHING BETWEEN MAKOTO AND ME,

WE'RE ALWAYS TOGETHER SO MAYBE WE GET MISUNDERSTOOD THAT WAY.

...!

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'D THINK THAT WAY,

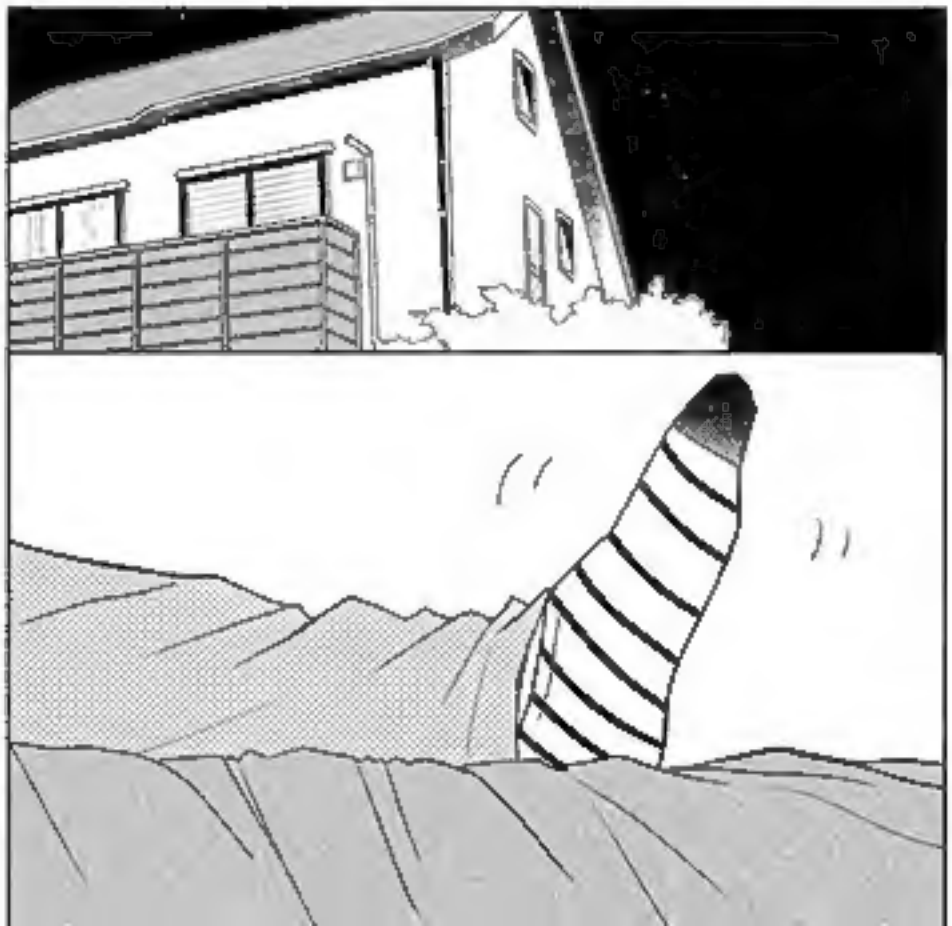
BUT YOU REALLY JUST HAVE THE WRONG IDEA.

...REAL-LY...

PISSES ME OFF...

THAT'S SOMETHING ABOUT YOU

THAT IRRITATES ME A LOT.



EVEN IF SHE SAY THAT, THOUGH...

"THAT'S SOMETHING ABOUT YOU THAT IRRITATES ME A LOT"... HUH.

Welcome back.

FOR SOME REASON, I COULDN'T TELL HIM I SAW HER.

AND WHEN MAKOTO RETURNED

Sorry I kept you waiting.

FUMI-CHAN TOOK HER LEAVE.

WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO REPLY A WORD TO HER

sigh...

...WHY DID IT TURN OUT LIKE THIS?

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SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING~

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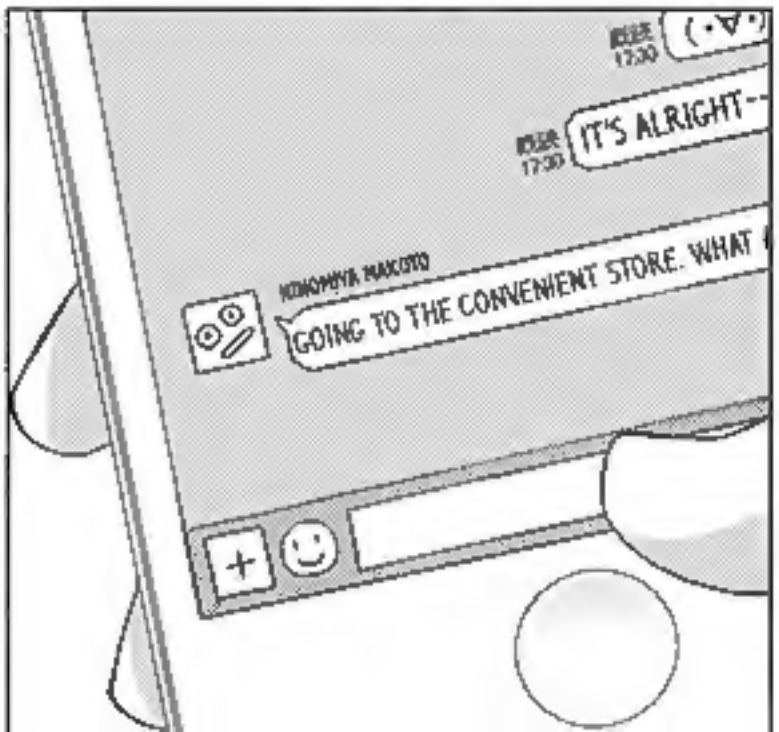
HEY.



WHAT WILL YOU BUY?

sponsor's Sis' wallet

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COFFEE AND SWEETS.

I'M SIS' GOFER.

HUH? SIS' HOME?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY 'HUH?'?

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'CAUSE YOU'RE NOT CROSS-DRESSED.

SHE DIDN'T TELL YOU SHE WANTS TO DO YOUR MAKEUP TODAY?

AH...

...MAYBE SHE'S TIRED?

OH, MAKES SENSE. IT'S A BUSY TIME FOR HER AFTER ALL.

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WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN TO THEIR ELECTRICITY BILLS?

COMPARED TO BEFORE, THERE ARE MORE HOUSES HERE THAT HAVE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS NOW.

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HOW NOSTALGIC.

Yeah.

MOM'S RARELY HOME FOR A LONG TIME, SO WE HAD OURS UP UNTIL MARCH.

Just our house.

Only your house is sparkly.

Yeah.

YOU DECORATED YOUR HOUSE ONCE, DIDN'T YOU?

Come to think of it

...I SEE.

I'd do the clean-up after.

NO THANKS. PUTTING THEM BACK AFTER IS A PAIN.

YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE IS ENOUGH.

It was beautiful.

YOU SHOULD DECORATE AGAIN.

OH, RIGHT. WHAT'RE YOUR PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS?

I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING PLANNED.

I'LL JUST EAT FRIED CHICKEN AT YOUR HOUSE JUST LIKE ALWAYS.

OUR EXCHANGE THAT HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL EVER SINCE

IT WON'T FEEL LIKE CHRISTMAS UNLESS I EAT ONE OF HER FRIED CHICKEN.

THEY GET TASTIER EVERY YEAR.

MOM SAID SHE'D CHANGE THE FLAVORING FOR THE CHICKEN THIS YEAR.

THAT'S RIGHT.

JUST LIKE ALWAYS.

WHY WOULD FUMI-CHAN SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT OUT OF THE BLUE?

EVEN THOUGH NINOMIYA -KUN IS PRACTICALLY AN OPEN BOOK

EVEN THOUGH THIS IS WHAT'S 'USUAL' AND 'NORMAL' FOR US,

I'M GLAD I BECAME FRIENDS WITH YOU, AKIRA-CHAN.

...I ALSO FEEL THAT WAY, THOUGH.

...SEEMS LIKE WE'LL HAVE A CLASS REUNION THIS YEAR.

I'M GONNA SEE OGA AND TOMO AGAIN AFTER A LONG TIME.

OGA... ...DO I KNOW THEM?

Hmm

HEY YOU LISTEN-ING?

Ah

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AH, YEAH. I'M LISTENING, I'M LISTEN-ING. WHAT IS IT?

AH!!

OOH!! OGAWA-KUN AND OKAZAKI-KUN!!

Tomo (Okazaki Tomoe)

Oga (Ogawa Kengo)

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THEY WERE OUR GRADE SCHOOL CLASSMATES.

How nostalgic.

OH, RIGHT. YOU WERE WITH THEM UNTIL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL.

WHAT ARE THEY UP TO NOW?

OH...

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THEY'RE BOTH ATTENDING UNI IN A DIFFERENT PREFECTURE.

Ah

YOU WEREN'T LISTENING AT ALL, WERE YOU?

IT'S A HIGH SCHOOL CLASS REUNION. NISHIKU-BO'S NOT INVOLVED.

WHAT ABOUT HER?

HEY

IS... FUMI-CHAN ALSO COMING TO THAT REUNION?

IT'S NOTHING.

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I THOUGHT IT WAS A MIDDLE SCHOOL REUNION, SO I WAS CURIOUS.

HMM

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU AND NISHIKUBO,

BUT YOU'RE MAKING A WEIRD EXPRESSION AGAIN.

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NOTHING HAPPENED.

...

I'VE DECIDED.

I WON'T TELL MAKOTO ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED WITH FUMI-CHAN.

YEAH, YUP.

...OH, THAT SO.

BECAUSE EVEN IF SOMETHING HAPPENED WITH FUMI-CHAN,

NOTHING WILL CHANGE BETWEEN ME AND MAKOTO, JUST LIKE ALWAYS.

So what do you do at reunions?

Dunno? We'd probably eat and go to a karaoke box?

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